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## Enclosed are:

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Claim 5, line 1, cancel "2, 3 or 4".

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Claim 8, line 1, cancel "or 3".

Claim 9, line 1, cancel "or 4".

Claim 12, line 1, cancel "or 11".

Claim 13, line 1, cancel "or 11".

Claim 14, line 1, cancel "or 11".

Claim 21, line 1, cancel "18, 19 or 20,".

Claim 22, line 1, cancel "18, 19 or 20,".

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Claim 27, line 1, cancel "or 26".

Claim 28, line 1, cancel "or 26".

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1	TITLE OF THE INVENTION
2	Method of Updating Client's Installed Data in Response to
3	a User-Triggered Event
4	<b>BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION</b>
5	Field of the Invention
6	The present invention relates to a method of updating data such
7	as control programs, files and data modules.
8	Description of the Related Art
9	Recent advances in mobile communications and integrated
10	circuit technologies have made possible the proliferation of low-cost,
11	small mobile (client) terminals that are easy to communicate with an
12	increasing number of communication terminals and systems through
13	the mobile communication network or the Internet. An increasing
14	number of software packages (such control programs, associated file
15	data, and data modules) have been developed for installation on mobile
16	terminals in order to meet new customer services. However, whenever
17	users desire a new service feature, the assistance of trained personnel is
18	required to update their software packages.
19	Transmission of software data can be done in one of two known
20	methods. In the first method, called "pull technologies", users take the
21	initiative for retrieving data from sources such as World Wide Web. The
22	second method, called "push technologies", is one that is initiated by
23	news servers on the internet which take the initiative to distribute news
24	to users on a broadcast mode. These known methods may be used for
25	updating software installed on user terminals.

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However, the pull technologies inherently require the initiative 1 on the client side, while the updating of software itself must be initiated 2 from the source where the software was created or modified. The push technologies, on the other hand, require that file transfer be performed on a broadcast mode. However, the burden of the network will increase 5 significantly if it were to carry traffic to a large number of user 7 terminals.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide an efficient method of updating data installed on a client (mobile) terminal when a user-triggered event occurs on the user's terminal.

According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of updating data installed on a client terminal from a server system via a communication network. According to the present 14 invention, the client terminal, such as mobile terminal, stores a version 15 number of the installed data and transmits a request message to the 16 server system via the communication network in response to an event triggered by a user of the client terminal, the request message containing the version number of the data and a phone number of the client terminal. The server system stores most recent data and a version number of the most recent data. When the server system receives the transmitted request, it compares the version number contained in the received request to the stored version number and transmits a copy of the most recent data and the version number of the most recent data to 24 the client terminal via the communication network if there is a 25 mismatch between the compared version numbers. The client terminal 26

1	receives the copy of the most recent data and the version number
2	from the server system and updates the installed data with the received
3	copy and updates the stored version number with the received version
4	number.
5	According to a second aspect of the present invention, the client
6	terminal transmits a request message to a server system via a
7	communication network in response to an event triggered by a user of
8	the client terminal, the request message containing a phone number of
9	the client terminal. The server system stores most recent data and
10	further stores a version number of the most recent data in a first
11	memory and maps a plurality of version numbers of the data to a
12	plurality of phone numbers in a second memory. The server system, on
13	receiving the request transmitted from the client terminal, compares a
14	version number mapped in the second memory corresponding to the
15	phone number contained in the received request to the version number
16	of the most recent data stored in the first memory. If there is a
17	mismatch between the compared version numbers, the server system
18	transmits a copy of the most recent data to the client terminal via the
19	communication network and updates the corresponding mapped
20	version number in the second memory with the version number of the
21	first memory. The client terminal receives the copy of the most recent
22	data from the server system and updates the installed data with the
23	received copy.
24	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS
25	The present invention will be described in fauth and detail with

25 reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

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1	Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a mobile communication network
2	according to the present invention for updating mobile's file data
3	through a communication network;
4	Fig. 2 is a block diagram of the mobile terminal of Fig. 1;
5	Fig. 3 is a flowchart for operating the mobile terminal according
6	to a first embodiment of the present invention;
7	Fig. 4 is a block diagram of the home location register of Fig. 1;
8	Fig. 5 is a flowchart for operating the home location register
9	according to the first embodiment of the present invention;
10	Fig. 6 is a block diagram of the server of Fig. 1;
11	Figs. 7A and 7B are flowcharts for operating the server according
12	to the first embodiment of the present invention;
13	Fig. 8 is a sequence diagram for illustrating the overall operation
14	of the system according to the first embodiment of the present
15	invention;
16	Fig. 9 is a flowchart for operating the mobile terminal according
17	to a second embodiment of the present invention;
18	Fig. 10 is a block diagram of the home location register according
19	to the second embodiment of the present invention;
20	Fig. 11 is a flowchart for operating the home location register
<b>2</b> 1	according to the second embodiment of the present invention;
22	Fig. 12 is a flowchart for operating the server according to the
23	second embodiment of the present invention;

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Fig. 13 is a sequence diagram for illustrating the overall operation 1 of the system according to the second embodiment of the present 2 invention; 3 Fig. 14 is a flowchart for operating the server for controlling the 4 network traffic when the network is likely to be overloaded with updating file transfer; and б Fig. 15 is a flowchart for operating the home location register for 7 controlling the network traffic when the network is likely to be overloaded with updating file transfer. DETAILED DESCRIPTION 10 Referring now to Fig. 1, there is shown a mobile communication 11 system according to the present invention as one example of client-12 server systems. The system includes a mobile communications network 13 11, a home location register 12, a server 13 and a network manager 14. 14 Mobile communication network 11 is made up of a large number of wireless base stations each providing a coverage of a cell to serve a 16 mobile terminal 10. When the mobile terminal 10 enters one of the cells 17 or remains in one cell, a location registration request is sent from the 18 19 mobile terminal to the network. Home location register 12 is connected 20 to the network to receive the location registration request and provides mapping of the mobile's address number to the address number of the 21 current base station. 22 As shown in Fig. 2, the mobile terminal includes a memory 20 23 such as flash memory or a random-access memory for storage of a 24

control program, associated files and software version numbers. A

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control unit (CPU) 21 is connected to the memory 20 to perform signal 1 processing according to the control program of the memory 20. Mobile terminal 10 is connected to a transceiver 22 to transmit and receive control signals to and from the network via a wireless interface 23. A speech circuit 24 is connected to the transceiver 22 and further to the 5 mobile terminal 10 to establish and maintain speech communication. A keypad 25 and a display unit 26 are also connected to the mobile terminal 10. Mobile terminal 10 has the functions of sending a location registration request at the time the mobile terminal is powered on or a call is initiated or terminated. 10 The operation of the mobile terminal 10 proceeds according to the 11 flowchart of Fig. 3. 12 13 When the mobile terminal is briefly in a state that occurs in response to the power switch being turned on, a call-origination or a 14 call-termination key is operated on the keypad (block 101), the mobile 15 terminal 10 reads the version number of a specified file from the 16 memory 20 (block 102). Mobile terminal 10 transmits a location 17 registration request containing the retrieved version number and the 18 mobile's phone number to the network via the base station of the local 19 20 cell (block 103). Mobile terminal 10 now enters a waiting state for a response from 21 the network. As will be described, the transmitted signal is passed 22 through the mobile communication network 11 to the home location 23 register 12 where the version number of the specified file is compared to 24

its most recent version number. If they mismatch, the home location

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1 register 12 sends a download request to the server 13, which begins a file transfer to download the file data of the most recent version to the 3 mobile terminal 10 through the network 11. 4 When the mobile terminal starts receiving the transmitted file data (block 104), the mobile terminal 10 proceeds to block 105 to store 5 6 the received data in a new memory space reserved in the memory 20 and performs an error check on the received file data (block 106). If no 7 error is detected (block 107), the mobile terminal 10 moves the read 8 pointer to the new memory space and deletes the old file from the 9 memory 20 (block 108) and returns a positive acknowledgment message 10 to the server 13 via the network 11 (block 110). If an error is detected 11 (block 107), flow proceeds to block 110 to delete the new file data and 12 sends back a negative acknowledgment message to the server 13 (block 13 111) and returns to decision block 104 for receiving a retransmitted file. 14 15 and repeating an error check process on the retransmitted file data. 16 As shown in Fig. 4, the home location register 12 is connected to the server 13 via a line receiver 30 and a line transmitter 31 and 17 connected to the network 11 via a line receiver 32 and a line transmitter 18 33. A controller 34 is connected to the line receiver 30 to receive a new 19 version number of the specified file from the server 13 and updates the 20 old version number of the specified file stored in a most recent version 21 number memory 35 with the received file number and then returns an 22 acknowledgment message to the server 13 via the line transmitter 31. 23 Controller 34 is also connected to the line receiver 32 to receive location 24

registration requests and accompanying version numbers of specified

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- files from the network 11. In response to a location registration request
- 2 from the network, the home location register 12 compares the version
- 3 number of a file contained in the request with the most recent version of
- 4 the file stored in the memory 35 to determine if they match or mismatch.
- 5 If they mismatch, the home location register 12 sends a download
- 6 request to the server 13.
- Fig. 5 is the flowchart of the operation of the home location
- 8 register 12. Home location register 12 monitors the outputs of the line
- 9 receivers 30 and 32 to check to see if a new file number is received from
- the server 13 (block 201) or a location registration request is received
- 11 from the network (block 204). When the home location register 12
- receives a new version number of a specified file from the server 13, the
- home location register 12 proceeds from block 201 to block 202 to
- 14 update the old version number of the specified file stored in the memory
- 15 35 with the received new version number and returns an
- acknowledgment message to the server 13 (block 203). When the home
- 17 location register 12 receives a location registration request from the
- network 11, its controller proceeds from block 204 to block 205 to
- 19 compare the version number of a file contained in the location
- 20 registration request to the most recent version number of the file stored
- 21 in the memory 35. If they match (block 206), the routine is terminated.
- 22 If they mismatch, the home location register 12 determines that the
- version number of the requesting mobile terminal is older than its most
- 24 recent version number, and proceeds from block 206 to block 207 to send
- a download request to the server 13 via the line transmitter 31. This

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download request contains the telephone number of the requesting
mobile terminal.

In Fig. 6, the server 13 includes a controller 45 which is connected to the home location register 12 via a line receiver 40 and a line transmitter 41 and further connected to the network 11 via a line

6 receiver 42 and a line transmitter 43. Additionally, a line receiver 44 is

provided to interface the controller 45 to the network manager 14. A

8 memory 46 holds the most recent program for operating mobile

9 terminals, associated files and file version numbers. Controller 45

updates the contents of the memory 45 with data downloaded from the

11 network manager 14.

According to the flowchart shown in Fig. 7A, a file update routine of the server 13 starts with block 301 where the server 13 checks to see if any of the stored files in the memory 46 has been updated with a new file downloaded from the network manager 14. If this is the case, the server 13 reads the version number of the updated file from the memory 45 and sends it to the home location register 12 (block 302) and waits for an acknowledgment message from the home location register. If an acknowledgment message is not received within a specified period of time from the home location register (block 303), the server 13 returns to block 302 to retransmit the version number of the new file. If an acknowledgment message is received within the specified time period

In Fig. 7B, the server 13 begins a download routine in response to a download request message sent from the home location register 12

(block 303), the server terminates the routine.

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- (block 310) by reading the mobile's telephone number contained in the
- 2 received message (block 311). Server 13 begins a file transfer in block
- 3 312 by transmitting the updated most recent file data to the requesting
- 4 mobile terminal via the communications network 11. When the file
- 5 transfer is completed, the server 13 waits for a positive or a negative
- 6 acknowledgment message from the mobile terminal (block 313). If a
- 7 negative acknowledgment message is received, the server 13 returns to
- 8 block 312 to repeat the file transfer until it receives a positive
- 9 acknowledgment message from the mobile terminal.
- For a full understanding of the present invention, the overall operation of the client-server system of the first embodiment is shown in the sequence diagram of Fig. 8.

Network manager 14 provides overall control of the client-server

14 system by making improvements to files used in the client terminals at

intervals. When improvements have been made of a given file and the

version number of the file is updated, the new file data and the new

17 version number are transmitted from the network manager 14 to the

server 13 to update the old file data and its version number (see also

19 block 301, Fig. 7A). The new version number is then transmitted from

the server 13 to the home location register 12 (block 302, Fig. 7A). If the

21 transmitted new version number is successfully received (block 201, Fig.

22 5), the home location register 12 updates the old version number of the

23 file stored in the version number memory 35 with the received number

24 (block 202) and returns an acknowledgment message to the server 13

25 (block 203).

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1 When a mobile terminal 10 sends a location registration request containing the version number of the given file to the network 11 and 2 the home location register 12 receives it through the network 11 (block 3 204, Fig. 5), the home location register compares the version number contained in the request to the most recent version number of the file stored in the version number memory 35 (block 205). If the version 6 number contained in the location registration request differs from the most recent number (block 206), the home location register sends a 8 download request containing the phone number of the mobile terminal 9 to the server 13 (block 207). In response to the download request, the 10 11 server 13 sends the file data of the most recent version to the mobile terminal 10 through the network 11 (blocks 310 to 313, Fig. 7B). Mobile 12 terminal 10 updates its old file with the new file sent from the server 13 13 if no error is detected in the received file, and returns a positive 14 acknowledgment to the server 13 via the network 11. 15 The present invention allows efficient updating of user's installed 16 data by sending a single location registration request to the network 17 whenever the user triggers an event on the mobile terminal such as 18 power-on state, or an operating state of a start-of-call key and an end-19 of-call key, even though the user is not intended to do so. The traffic 20 load on the communication network is thus reliably and evenly 21 22 distributed among mobile terminals. In a second embodiment of the present invention, the mobile 23 terminal, the home location register and the server of the present 24 invention may be modified as shown in Figs. 9, 10, 11 and 12. As shown 25

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in Fig. 10, the home location register 12 of this modification additionally 1 includes a memory 36 in which a plurality of version numbers of a file are mapped to a plurality of mobile's phone numbers, instead of storing 3 the version number of the file in the memory 20 of mobile terminal. In addition, the server 13 operates according to the flowchart of Fig. 7A as 5 in the previous embodiment when a new file is sent from the network manager 14. The second embodiment relieves the burden of each mobile terminal from maintaining the version numbers of installed data by 8 shifting the burden to the home location register 12. 9 Specifically, the mobile terminal 10 operates according to the 10 flowchart of Fig. 9 in which block 400 is used to replace blocks 102 and 11 103 (Fig. 3) of the previous embodiment. Since no file version numbers 12 are stored in the mobile terminal, the location registration request is 13 simply sent to the network with no further information as indicated in 14 block 400. 15 16 Home location register 12 operates according to the flowchart of Fig. 11. Home location register 12 operates in the same way as in the 17 previous embodiment until it receives a location registration request 18 from the mobile terminal (block 204). In response to the location 19 registration request, the home location register 12 compares the file 20 version number of the requesting mobile terminal stored in a location of 21 the memory 36 identified by the mobile's phone number to the most 22 recent file version number stored in the memory 35 (block 500). If they 23

mismatch (block 501), a download request is sent from the home

location register to the server 13, containing the mobile's phone number

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1 (block 502).

In Fig. 12, the server 13 performs a file transfer in the same way as in the flowchart of Fig. 7B in response to the download request from the home location register (blocks 310 to 312) and waits for a positive acknowledgment message from the mobile terminal (block 313). When a positive acknowledgment message is received form the mobile terminal, the server sends an acknowledgment message to the home location register (block 600), and terminates the routine.

Returning to Fig. 11, the home location register receives an acknowledgment message from the server (block 503). In response to this message, the home location register proceeds to update the mobile's file version number in the memory 36 with the most recent file version number stored in the memory 35, and terminates the routine.

The overall operation of the client-server system of the second embodiment is shown in the sequence diagram of Fig. 13.

Similar to the first embodiment, when improvements have been made of a given file and the version number of the file is updated, the new file data and the new version number are transmitted from the network manager 14 to the server 13 to update the old file data and its version number (block 301, Fig. 7A). The new version number is then transmitted from the server 13 to the home location register 12 (block 302). If the transmitted new version number is successfully received (block 201, Fig. 11), the home location register 12 updates the old version number of the file stored in the version number memory 35 with the received number (block 202, Fig. 11) and returns an acknowledgment

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message to the server 13 (block 203, Fig. 11).

When a mobile terminal 10 sends a location registration request 2 to the network 11 and the home location register 12 receives it through 3 the network 11 (block 204, Fig. 11), the home location register compares the mobile's file version number stored in the memory 36 corresponding 5 to the mobile's phone number to the most recent version number of the 6 file stored in the version number memory 35 (block 500, Fig. 11). If the mobile's version number in memory 36 differs from the most recent 8 number in memory 35 (block 501), the home location register sends a 9 download request containing the phone number of the mobile terminal 10 to the server 13 (block 502). In response to the download request, the 11 server 13 sends the file data of the most recent version to the mobile 12 terminal 10 through the network 11 (blocks 310 to 312, Fig. 12). Mobile 13 terminal 10 updates its old file with the new file sent from the server 13 14 if no error is detected in the received file, and returns a positive 15 acknowledgment message to the server 13 via the network 11. When 16 the server receives this message from the mobile terminal (block 313, 17 Fig. 12), it sends an acknowledgment message back to the home location 18 register (block 600, Fig. 12). In response to this acknowledgment 19 message, the home location register updates the mobile's file version 20 number in memory 36 with the most recent file version number in 21 memory 35 (blocks 503, 504, Fig. 11). 22 A further modification of the present invention is shown in Figs. 23

Controller 45 of the server 13 is programmed to perform the

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- routine of Fig. 14. In this routine, the server 13 monitors the download request traffic from the home location register 12 and imposes a 2 restriction control on the file transfer traffic through the network to prevent it from being overloaded. Specifically, the server 13 sets a count variable D to zero (block 701). When a download request is received from the home location register (block 702), the count variable D is incremented by one (block 703) and a timer is set (block 704). Count 7 variable D is then compared to a reference value M (block 705). If D is 8 not greater than M, flow exits to block 707 to check to see if a predetermined period set by the timer has expired. If the timer is not 10 11 expired, blocks 702 to 705 are repeated. Otherwise, flow proceeds from 12 block 707 to block 708 to decrement the count value D by one and returns to block 702. Thus, the count value D represents the traffic rate 13 14 of download requests which may be received from one or more home 15 location registers. If the count value D is greater than M, the server 13 16 determines that a traffic congestion has occurred and sends a traffic congestion message to the home location register 12 (block 706). 17 18 Home location register 12 operates according to the flowchart of Fig. 15. In this routine, the home location register monitors the location 19
- 20 registration request traffic from the network 11 and imposes a restriction control on the traffic of its download requests to the server. In Fig. 15, the home location register 12 sets a count variable R to zero 22 (block 801). When a location registration request is received from the 23 network 11 (block 802), the count variable R is incremented by one 24 (block 803) and a timer is set (block 804). Count variable R is then

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- compared to a reference value N (block 805). If R is not greater than N,
- 2 flow proceeds from block 805 to block 806 to determine whether a traffic
- 3 congestion message is received from the server. If not, flow exits to
- 4 block 808 to check for the expiration of the timer. If the timer is still
- 5 running, blocks 802 to 806 are repeated. If the timer has expired, the
- 6 count value R is decremented by one (block 809) and returns to block
- 7 802 to continue the counting process. If R is greater than N or a traffic
- 8 congestion message is received from the server, the home location
- 9 register proceeds to block 807 to discontinue the transmission of
- 10 download requests to the server.
- In a further modification of the first embodiment of the present
- invention, the mobile terminal 10 stores a set of data modules and a set
- of version numbers of the data modules. In response to an event
- 14 triggered by the user of the mobile terminal, a location registration
- request containing the set of version numbers and a phone number of
- the mobile terminal. The server 13 stores a set of most recent data
- modules and version numbers of the most recent data modules. Home
- 18 location register 12 receives a set of version numbers of the most recent
- 19 data modules which is transmitted from the server 13 whenever the
- 20 network manager 14 makes a change in previous data modules. Home
- 21 location register 12 maintains the received set of version numbers in the
- 22 memory 35. In response to a location registration request from the
- 23 mobile terminal, the home location register 12 compares the version
- 24 numbers contained in the received request to the stored version
- 25 numbers and requests the server 13 to transmit a copy of the set of most
- 26 recent data modules and the version numbers of the most recent data

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1 modules to the client terminal via the communication network if there is

- 2 a mismatch between the compared version numbers. The mobile
- 3 terminal receives the copy of the most recent data modules and the
- 4 version numbers from the server system and updates the installed set of
- 5 data modules with the received copy and updates the stored version
- 6 numbers with the received version numbers.

According to a further modification of the second embodiment of

- 8 the present invention, the mobile terminal stores a set of data modules
- 9 and transmits a request message to the home location register 12 via the
- 10 communication network in response to an event triggered by the user of
- 11 the mobile terminal, containing a phone number of the mobile terminal.
- 12 The server 13 stores a set of most recent data modules and version
- 13 numbers of the most recent data modules. Home location register 12
- 14 receives a set of version numbers of the most recent data modules from
- 15 the server 13 which is transmitted whenever the network manager 14
- 16 makes a change in previous data modules. Home location register 12
- 17 stores a set of most recent data modules. Additionally, it stores a
- 18 plurality of version numbers of the most recent data modules in the first
- 19 memory 35 and maps a plurality of sets of version numbers of data
- 20 modules of mobile terminals to a plurality of phone numbers of the
- 21 mobile terminals in the second memory 36. Home location register 12,
- on receiving a location registration request from the mobile terminal,
- 23 compares a set of version numbers mapped in the second memory 36
- 24 corresponding to the phone number contained in the received request to
- 25 the set of version numbers of the most recent data modules stored in the
- 26 first memory 35. If there is a mismatch between the compared version
- 27 numbers, the home location register 12 requests the server 13 to

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- transmit a copy of the set of most recent data modules to the mobile
- 2 terminal via the communication network and updates the
- 3 corresponding set of mapped version numbers in the second memory 36
- 4 with the version numbers of the first memory 35. The mobile terminal,
- 5 on receiving the copy of the most recent data modules from the server,
- 6 updates the installed set of data modules with the received copy.
- 7 Such modifications allows efficient updating of a number of data
- 8 modules by sending only one location registration request to the
- 9 network whenever the user triggers an event on the mobile terminal
- 10 such as power-on state, or an operating state of a start-of-call key and
- an end-of-call key, even though the user is not intended to do so.

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## What is claimed is:

1	1. <b>A</b> 1	method of updating data installed on a client terminal
2	from a server s	ystem via a communication network, comprising:
3	at said o	lient terminal,
4	(a)	storing a version number of the
5	installed data;	
6	(b)	transmitting a request message to the server system via
7	the communica	ation network in response to an event triggered by a user
8	of said client to	erminal, said request message containing the version
9	number of said	d data and a phone number of said client terminal,
10	at said s	erver system,
11	(c)	storing most recent data and a version number of the
12	most recent da	ıta;
13	(d)	receiving the transmitted request and comparing the
14	version numbe	er contained in the received request to the stored version
15	number;	
16	(e)	transmitting a copy of said most recent data and the
17	version numbe	er of the most recent data to said client terminal via the
18	communication	n network if there is a mismatch between the compared
19	version numbe	ers, and
20	at said o	client terminal,
21	(f)	receiving the copy of the most recent data and the
22	version number	er from the server system and updating the installed data
23	with the receiv	ved copy and updating the stored version number with the
24	received version	on number.

1	2. A method of updating data installed on a client terminal
2	from a server system via a communication network, comprising:
3	at said client terminal,
4	(a) transmitting a request message to the server system via
5	the communication network in response to an event triggered by a user
6	of said client terminal, said request message containing a phone number
7	of said client terminal,
8	at said server system,
9	(b) storing most recent data and storing a version number
10	of the most recent data in a first memory and mapping a plurality of
11	version numbers of said data to a plurality of phone numbers in a
12	second memory;
13	<ul><li>(c) receiving the request transmitted from said client</li></ul>
14	terminal and comparing a version number mapped in said second
15	memory corresponding to the phone number contained in the received
16	request to the version number of the most recent data stored in said first
17	memory;
18	(d) if there is a mismatch between the compared version
19	numbers, transmitting a copy of said most recent data to said client
20	terminal via the communication network and updating said
21	corresponding mapped version number in said second memory with the
22	version number of the first memory,
23	at said client terminal,
24	(e) receiving the copy of the most recent data from the

3. A method of updating a set of data modules installed on a

server system and updating the installed data with the received copy.

2	client terminal f	rom a server system via a communication network,	
3	comprising:		
4	at said cli	ient terminal,	
5	(a)	storing a set of version numbers of the installed data	
6	modules;		
7	(b)	transmitting a request message to the server system via	
8	the communicat	ion network in response to an event triggered by a user	
9	of said client ter	minal, said request message containing said set of	
10	version number	s and a phone number of the client terminal,	
11	at said se	rver system,	
12	(c)	storing a set of most recent data modules and version	
13	numbers of the most recent data modules;		
14	(d)	receiving the transmitted request and comparing the	
15	version number	s contained in the received request to the stored version	
16	numbers;		
17	(e)	transmitting a copy of the set of most recent data	
18	modules and the	e version numbers of the most recent data modules to	
19	said client termi	nal via the communication network if there is a	
20	mismatch betwe	en the compared version numbers, and	
21	at said cli	ent terminal,	
22	<b>(f)</b>	receiving the copy of the most recent data modules and	
23	the version num	bers from the server system and updating the installed	
24	set of data modu	des with the received copy and updating the stored	
25	version numbers	s with the received version numbers.	

4. A method of updating a set of data modules installed on a client terminal from a server system via a communication network,

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3	comprising:
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- 4 at said client terminal,
- (a) transmitting a request message to the server system via the communication network in response to an event triggered by a user of said client terminal, said request message containing a phone number of said client terminal,
- 9 at said server system,
- 10 (b) storing a set of most recent data modules, storing a set of
  11 version numbers of the most recent data modules in a first memory, and
  12 mapping a plurality of sets of version numbers of data modules of
  13 mobile terminals to a plurality of phone numbers of said mobile
  14 terminals in a second memory;
- 15 (c) receiving the request transmitted from said client
  16 terminal and comparing a set of version numbers mapped in said
  17 second memory corresponding to the phone number contained in the
  18 received request to the set of version numbers of the most recent data
  19 modules stored in said first memory;
  - (d) if there is a mismatch between the compared version numbers, transmitting a copy of the set of most recent data modules to said client terminal via the communication network and updating the corresponding set of mapped version numbers in said second memory with the version numbers of the first memory,
    - at said client terminal,
- (e) receiving the copy of the most recent data modules from the server system and updating the installed set of data modules with the received copy.

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- 5. The method of claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, further comprising, at said server system, imposing traffic control on the transmission of said copy of most recent data when traffic of the request from said client terminal exceeds a predetermined rate.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, wherein said client terminal 2 is a wireless mobile terminal and said communication network is a 3 mobile communication network.
- The method of claim 6, wherein said server system
  comprises a home location register connected to said mobile
  communication network and a server connected to said home location
  register and said network, and wherein said request from the client
  terminal is a location registration request.
  - 8. The method of claim 1 or 3, wherein the step (c) further comprises, at said server system, receiving new data from a network manager when the network manager makes a change in previous data and storing the new data as said most recent data.
- 9. The method of claim 2 or 4, wherein the step (b) further comprises, at said server system, receiving new data from a network manager when the network manager makes a change in previous data and storing the new data as said most recent data.
- 1 10. A method of updating data installed on a client terminal, 2 comprising:

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3	at said client terminal,			
4	(a) storin	g a version number of the installed data; and		
5	(b) transr	nitting a request message to a receiving server via		
6	a communication netv	vork in response to an event triggered by a user of		
7	said client terminal, sa	aid request message containing the version		
8	number of said data a	nd a phone number of the client terminal,		
9	at said receivin	g server,		
10	(c) storin	g a version number of most recent data;		
11	(d) receiv	ing the request from the client terminal via the		
12	communication netwo	ork and comparing the version number contained		
13	in the received reques	t to the stored version number; and		
14	(e) transr	nitting a download request to a sending server if		
15	there is a mismatch be	there is a mismatch between the compared version numbers,		
16	at said sending	server,		
17	(f) storin	g said most recent data and transmitting a copy of		
18	said most recent data	and the version number of the most recent data to		
19	said client terminal via the communication network in response to said			
20	download request from	m the receiving server, and		
21	at said client te	rminal,		
22	(g) receiv	ing the copy of the most recent data and the		
23	version number from	the sending server and updating the installed data		
24	with the received copy and updating the stored version number with th			
25	received version num	ber.		
1	11. A method	of updating data installed on a client terminal,		
2	comprising:			
3	at said client te	rminal,		

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4	(a) transmitting a request message to a receiving server via
5	a communication network in response to an event triggered by a user of
6	said client terminal, said request message containing a phone number of
7	said client terminal,
8	at said receiving server,
9	(b) storing a version number of most recent data in a first
10	memory and mapping a plurality of version numbers of said data to a
11	plurality of phone numbers in a second memory;
12	(c) receiving the request from said client terminal via the
13	communication network and comparing a version number mapped in
14	said third memory corresponding to the phone number contained in the
15	received request to the version number of the most recent data stored in
16	said second memory; and
17	(d) if there is a mismatch between the compared version
18	numbers, transmitting a download request message to a sending server
19	and updating said corresponding mapped version number in said
20	second memory with the version number of the first memory,
21	at said sending server,
22	(e) storing said most recent data and transmitting a copy of
23	said most recent data to said client terminal via the communication
24	network, and
25	at said client terminal,
<b>2</b> 6	(f) receiving the copy of the most recent data from the
<b>2</b> 7	sending server and updating the installed data with the received conv

1 12. The method of claim 10 or 11, further comprising, at said receiving server, imposing traffic control on said download request

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- 3 when traffic of the request from said client terminal exceeds a
- 4 predetermined rate.
- 1 13. The method of claim 10 or 11, further comprising, at said
- 2 sending server, imposing traffic control on the transmission of said copy
- 3 of most recent data when traffic of the download request from said
- 4 receiving server exceeds a predetermined rate.
- 1 14. The method of claim 10 or 11, wherein said client terminal is
- 2 a wireless mobile terminal and said communication network is a mobile
- 3 communication network, and wherein said receiving server is a home
- 4 location register connected to said network and said sending server, and
- 5 wherein said request from the client terminal is a location registration
- 6 request.
- 1 15. The method of claim 10, wherein the step (f) further
- 2 comprises, at said sending server, receiving new data from a network
- 3 manager when the network manager makes a change in previous data
- 4 and storing the new data as said most recent data.
- 1 16. The method of claim 11, wherein the step (e) further
- 2 comprises, at said sending server, receiving new data from a network
- 3 manager when the network manager makes a change in previous data
- 4 and storing the new data as said most recent data.
- 1 17. A client-server system comprising:
- a client terminal for storing a version number of data installed on

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the client terminal and transmitting a request message to a 3 communication network in response to an event triggered by a user of said client terminal, said request message containing the version number of said data and a phone number of said client terminal; and 6 a server system for storing most recent data and a version 7 number of the most recent data, receiving said request from the client 8 terminal via said communication network and comparing the version number contained in the received request to the stored version number, 10 and transmitting a copy of said most recent data and the version 11 number of the most recent data to said client terminal via the 12 communication network if there is a mismatch between the compared 13 version numbers, 14 said client terminal receiving the copy of the most recent data 15 and the version number from the server system and updating the 16 installed data with the received copy and updating the stored version

### A client-server system comprising:

number with the received version number.

a client terminal for transmitting a request message to a 2 communication network in response to an event triggered by a user of 3 said client terminal, said request message containing a phone number of said client terminal, 5

a server system for storing most recent data and a version number of the most recent data in a first memory and mapping a plurality of version numbers of said data to a plurality of phone numbers in a second memory, receiving said request from said client terminal via said communication network, comparing a version number

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mapped in said second memory corresponding to the phone number 11 contained in the received request to the version number of the most recent data stored in said first memory, and transmitting a copy of said 13 most recent data to said client terminal via the communication network 14 and updating said corresponding mapped version number in said 15 second memory with the version number of the first memory if there is a 16 mismatch between the compared version numbers, 17 said client terminal receiving the copy of the most recent data 18 from the server system and updating the installed data with the 19 received copy. 20

## A client-server system comprising:

a client terminal for storing a set of version numbers of data modules installed on the client terminal, transmitting a request message to a communication network in response to an event triggered by a user of said client terminal, said request message containing said set of version numbers and a phone number of the client terminal; a server system for storing a set of most recent data modules and version numbers of the most recent data modules, receiving the request from the client terminal via said communication network, comparing the version numbers contained in the received request to the stored version numbers, and transmitting a copy of the set of most recent data modules and the version numbers of the most recent data modules to said client terminal via the communication network if there is a mismatch between the compared version numbers; said client terminal receiving the copy of the most recent data modules and the version numbers from the server system and updating

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data modules installed on the client terminal with the received copy and updating the stored version numbers with the received version numbers.

## 20. A client-server system comprising:

a client terminal for transmitting a request message to a communication network in response to an event triggered by a user of said client terminal, said request message containing a phone number of said client terminal; and

a server system for storing a set of most recent data modules, storing a set of version numbers of the most recent data modules in a first memory, mapping a plurality of sets of version numbers of data modules of mobile terminals to a plurality of phone numbers of said mobile terminals in a second memory, receiving the request transmitted from said client terminal and comparing a set of version numbers mapped in said second memory corresponding to the phone number contained in the received request to the set of version numbers of the most recent data modules stored in said first memory, and transmitting a copy of the set of most recent data modules to said client terminal via the communication network and updating the corresponding set of mapped version numbers in said second memory with the version numbers of the first memory if there is a mismatch between the compared version numbers,

said client terminal receiving the copy of the most recent data modules from the server system and updating data modules installed on the client terminal with the received copy.

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1	21. The system of claim 17, 18, 19 or 20, wherein said server
2	system is configured to impose traffic control on the transmission of said
3	copy of most recent data when traffic of the request from said client
4	terminal exceeds a predetermined rate.

- 22. The system of claim 17, 18, 19 or 20, wherein said client terminal is a wireless mobile terminal and said communication network is a mobile communication network.
- 23. The system of claim 22, wherein said server system
  comprises a home location register connected to said mobile
  communication network and a server connected to said home location
  register and said network, and wherein said request from the client
  terminal is a location registration request.
- 24. The method of claim 17, 18, 19 or 20, wherein said server system is configured to receive new data from a network manager when the network manager makes a change in previous data and storing the new data as said most recent data.
  - 25. A client-server system comprising:
- a client terminal for storing a version number of data installed on the client terminal, and transmitting a request message to a communication network in response to an event triggered by a user of said client terminal, said request message containing the version number of said data and a phone number of the client terminal; and

a receiving server for storing a version number of most recent

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8	data, receiving the request from the client terminal via the
9	communication network, comparing the version number contained in
10	the received request to the stored version number, and transmitting a
11	download request to a sending server if there is a mismatch between the
12	compared version numbers,
13	said sending server storing said most recent data and
14	transmitting a copy of said most recent data and the version number of
15	the most recent data to said client terminal via the communication
16	network in response to said download request from the receiving server,
17	said client terminal receiving the copy of the most recent data
18	and the version number from the sending server and updating the
19	installed data with the received copy and updating the stored version
20	number with the received version number

# 26. A client-server system comprising:

a client terminal for transmitting a request message to a communication network in response to an event triggered by a user of said client terminal, said request message containing a phone number of said client terminal;

a receiving server for storing a version number of most recent
data in a first memory and mapping a plurality of version numbers of
said data to a plurality of phone numbers in a second memory, receiving
the request from said client terminal via the communication network
and comparing a version number mapped in said third memory
corresponding to the phone number contained in the received request to
the version number of the most recent data stored in said second
memory, and transmitting a download request message to a sending

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server and updating said corresponding mapped version number in said 14 second memory with the version number of the first memory if there is 15 a mismatch between the compared version numbers, 16 said sending server storing said most recent data and 17 transmitting a copy of said most recent data to said client terminal via 18 the communication network, 19 said client terminal receiving the copy of the most recent data 20 21 from the sending server and updating the installed data with the received copy. 22

- 27. The system of claim 25 or 26, wherein said receiving server is configured to impose traffic control on said download request when traffic of the request from said client terminal exceeds a predetermined rate.
- 1 28. The system of claim 25 or 26, wherein said sending server is 2 configured to impose traffic control on the transmission of said copy of 3 most recent data when traffic of the download request from said 4 receiving server exceeds a predetermined rate.
- 29. The system of claim 25 or 26, wherein said client terminal is a wireless mobile terminal and said communication network is a mobile communication network, and wherein said receiving server is a home location register connected to said network and said sending server, and wherein said request from the client terminal is a location registration request.

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- 1 30. The system of claim 25 or 26, wherein said sending server is
- 2 configured to receive new data from a network manager when the
- 3 network manager makes a change in previous data and store the new
- 4 data as said most recent data.

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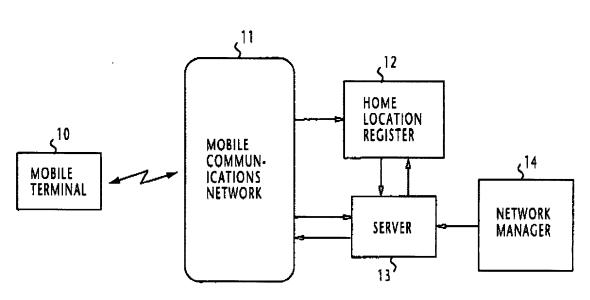
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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A client terminal, such as mobile terminal, stores a version

2	number of its installed data or control program and transmits a request
3	message to the server system via a communication network in response
4	to an event triggered by a user of the client terminal, the request
5	message containing the version number of the data and a phone number
6	of the client terminal. The server system stores most recent data and a
7	version number of the most recent data. When the server system
8	receives the transmitted request, it compares the version number
9	contained in the received request to the stored version number and
10	transmits a copy of the most recent data and the version number of the
11	most recent data to the client terminal via the communication network
12	if there is a mismatch between the compared version numbers. The
13	client terminal receives the copy of the most recent data and the
14	version number from the server system and updates the installed data
15	with the received copy and updates the stored version number with the
16	received version number.

FIG. 1



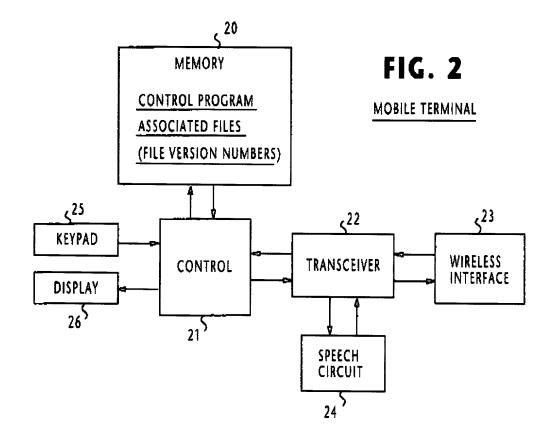


FIG. 3
MOBILE TERMINAL

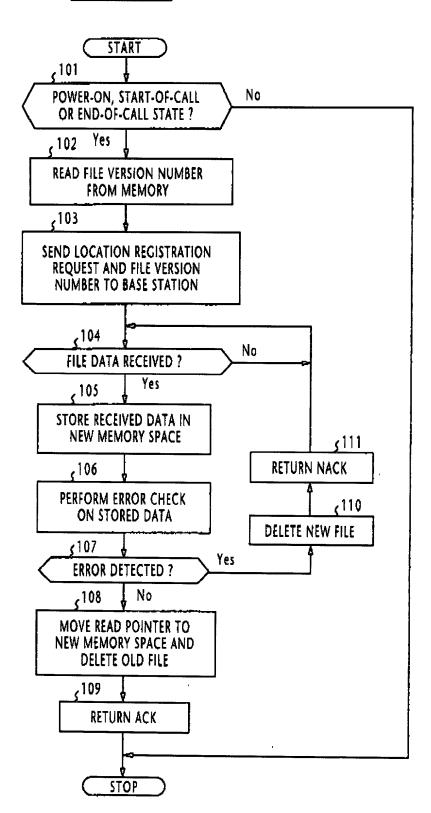


FIG. 4

#### HOME LOCATION REGISTER

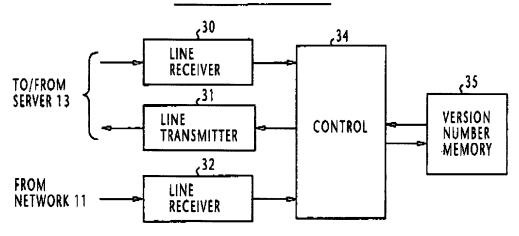


FIG. 5

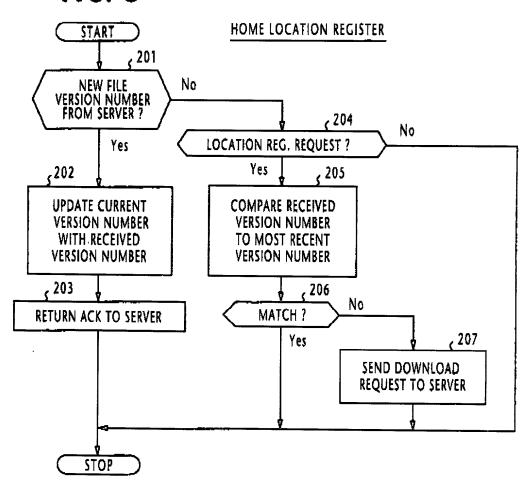


FIG. 6

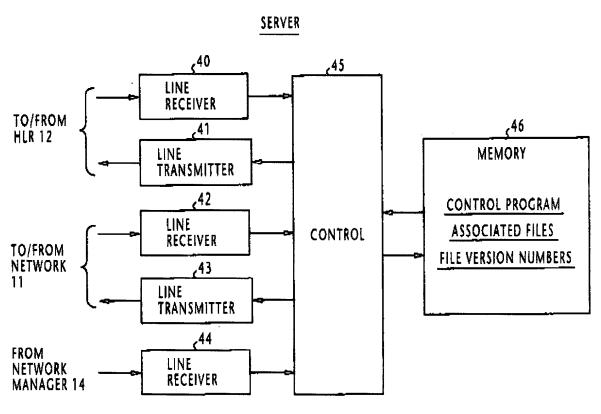
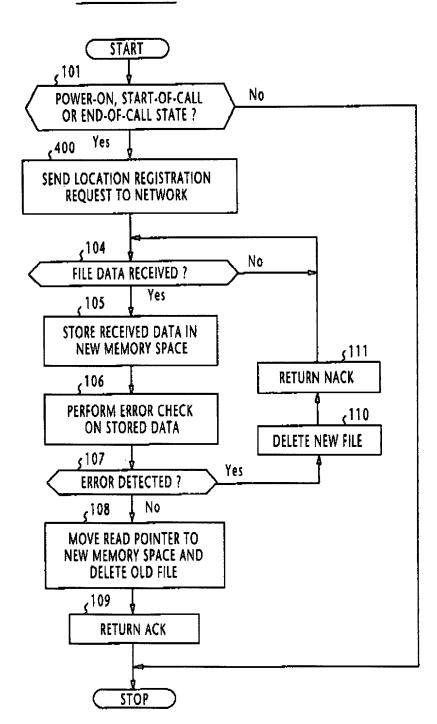


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FIG. 7B SERVER START 310 No DOWNLOAD REQUEST FROM HLR? Yes 311ع **READ MOBILE USER PHONE** NUMBER CONTAINED IN THE RECEIVED REQUEST 312ع SEND UPDATED FILE TO MOBILE TERMINAL VIA NETWORK ,313 No ACK RECEIVED FROM MOBILE TERMINAL ? Yes STOP

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FIG. 9 MOBILE TERMINAL



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FIG. 10
HOME LOCATION REGISTER

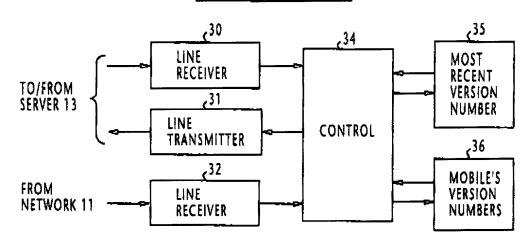


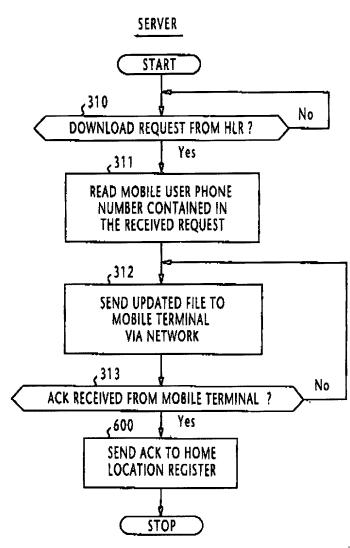
FIG. 11

START HOME LOCATION REGISTER 201 NEW FILE VERSION NUMBER FROM SERVER ? No , 204 No Yes **LOCATION REG, REQUEST?** 202 Yes 503 ع 500 **UPDATE CURRENT** ACK RECEIVED FROM SERVER? **VERSION NUMBER** No COMPARE MOBILE'S WITH RECEIVED **VERSION NUMBER VERSION NUMBER** IN MEMORY 36 TO Yes MOST RECENT c 504 , 203 **VERSION NUMBER UPDATE** IN MEMORY 35 **RETURN ACK** MOBLIE'S FILE TO SERVER **VERSION** ,501 NUMBER IN No MATCH? MEMORY 36 , 502 Yes SEND DOWNLOAD REQUEST TO SERVER,

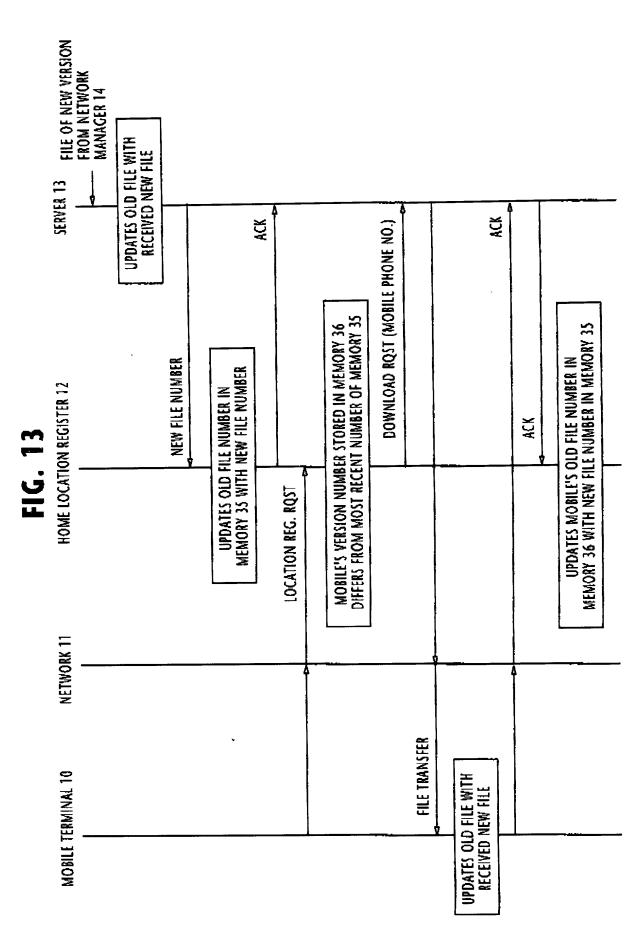
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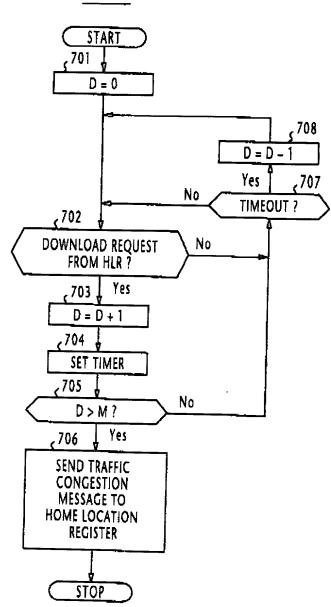






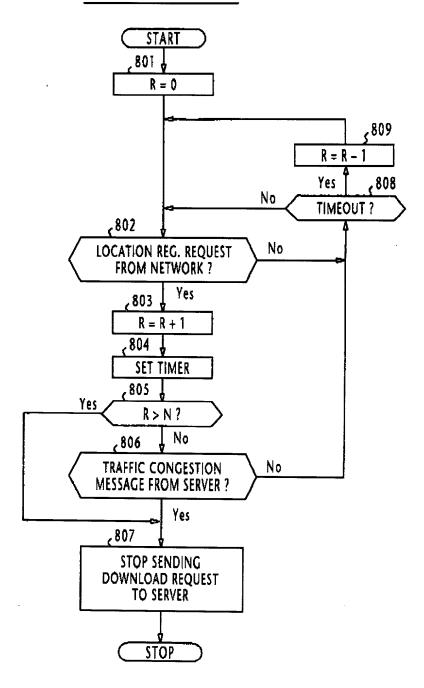
## FIG. 14

### SERVER



# FIG. 15

### HOME LOCATION REGISTER



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